



The Boma People

Exciting Milestone

The Boma translators recently finished drafting the Joseph story from Genesis. They're excited about this milestone! Now they're eager to publish that portion, but they still need to team-check it. They're considering waiting until the entire book of Genesis is complete and publishing the whole together.

- **Please pray with the Boma team for wisdom about the cost-effectiveness versus urgency of getting the Joseph story to Boma speakers.**

Hard Work Pays Off

The team worked very hard together to get the five "T books" (1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus), Philemon, Ruth and Jonah sent off to the consultant in preparation for a scheduled consultant-check of those books. Although this meant working under pressure, the advanced deadline brought the team together, made them stronger and forced them to concentrate and finish their work. They rejoiced together when they'd completed this task.

Now they're working through the comments and questions that the consultant sent back to them as they anticipate her coming for an in-person visit. This allows them to process and consider the revisions before they implement them. Then during the upcoming consultant's visit they can use the time well, checking their changes with her for understanding. This method helps the translators avoid the mistakes they might make if they were to make on-the-spot decisions during the consultant-check.

- **Praise God for this significant progress and for the wisdom and diligence the team exercised in coming to this point. Pray for good headway and unity as they work.**

New Drafts in the Works

While they've sent some work off to the consultant, the Boma team has started drafting other Bible books. They finished the first draft of James and are ready to move it to Step 2 (the team-check). They've also started drafting the Gospel of John and Galatians. These longer books may present significant challenges with a higher concentration of theological words and difficult concepts.



- **Location: Restricted access area, Southeast Asia**
- **Number of Speakers: 245,000 primary speakers; 2 million second-language speakers**
- **Project Goal: New Testament**
- **Year Project Began: 2008**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2015**

- **Thanks for praying with the team as they work through these complex books. Pray especially for the Holy Spirit's discernment as the translators make decisions on how to express new concepts.**



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Special Prayer Requests and Praise Notes

Each of the mother-tongue translators has created a personal development plan. They recently completed those and started implementing them. Some team members are praying about applying for consultant internships. Others would like to be better equipped to help facilitate neighboring language projects.

- **Continue praying for guidance for these team members regarding what God is equipping them to do later.**

Walking in the Light

“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life” (John 8:12).

Jesus is eager to help people find the truth. He wants to reveal Himself, throwing light on the best path, the best decisions and the best ways to relate to others. People who don’t have Scripture in their mother tongue don’t have the light. Some have Scripture in another tongue, or have heard of Jesus. Their understanding might be like a weak flashlight that’s useless for really dark places. Many of us have the Light, but when the way is darkest, we forget we have it or don’t turn it on. We stumble, too, just as though we didn’t have access to the Light.

- **The recently published Gospel of Luke has almost sold out! Praise God for that book’s good reception among Boma speakers.**
- **Praise God for the Light of His Word. Pray for the translators as they prepare it to shine brightly for the Boma people.**
- **Pray also that that Light might be your default: when difficult situations arise, decisions crop up or relationships are tense, don’t forget to use it!**

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